

STATE NEWS

FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

Items of Interest Gleaned From Our Correspondents and Exchanges.

Chatham Record: The "oldest inhabitant" does not remember ever before seeing a snow storm before there had been a killing frost. It is unprecedented.

Franklin Times: Pistol toters took up quite a large portion of the time of the court this week. We believe if the judges would inflict a heavier punishment on this class it would have a tendency to induce them to tote less.

Asheville dispatch: The Dr. Jay murder case was continued to-day to the next term of court, attorneys for the defense claiming they had not had time to prepare the case, and that they wanted expert evidence to establish the plea of insanity.

Kinston dispatch: The dispensary won a decisive victory over the saloon here to-day by a majority of thirty-seven in a pretty full vote. The vote cast was 609: for dispensary 323 and against 286. The election was the most closely contested, yet it was the quietest that has been held here for a long time. There are eleven saloons in the city.

Wilson Times: Yesterday a leading tobacco farmer told us that he sold tobacco for \$53 that last year he received \$200 for. The trust is getting back some of the money it paid out last year, just as we told the farmers in the spring they would do. The consumer pays the tariff, but this time the farmer is helping to pay the trust's losses incurred in stopping independent competition.

Col. Olds: The State Board of Education to-day made another loan, this time of \$9,000, in aid of school-houses in eleven counties. This loan represents the building fund of \$27,000, as the counties will add \$18,000. Of the amount lent \$4,275 goes to eleven districts in Mecklenburg County. The total amount so far lent from the educational fund for the building and improvement of public school-houses is \$70,000.

The Statesville Landmark and the Lenoir Topic ask for the impeachment of Judge Peebles. Says the Topic: "We are taught that all power proceeds from the people. Then we demand in the name of outraged law that these same freemen arise and assert their unmeasured power. In the name of common decency we demand that Judge Peebles be impeached for his high-handed insult to the civilization of which we boast." The Landmark concludes a leading editorial with these words: "We repeat that Peebles' conduct is a disgrace to the bench and to the people of the State and he ought to be impeached. If the people remember him as they should, he will of course be retired at the end of his first term, but it is terrible to contemplate the idea of his holding courts in North Carolina for seven years yet."

Raleigh Cor. Citizen: The solicitor of this district says no one will ever know the number of persons whose pockets were picked during the State Fair here last week. The gang of pick-pockets was the largest and most daring ever in North Carolina. The solicitor says the aggregate of the thefts is away up in the thousands of dollars, and that a great many persons have not admitted being robbed.

Three elections on the liquor question were held in the State Tuesday, 20th. At Weldon a proposition to establish a dispensary was defeated by a vote of 54 to 44. The town now has saloons. At Henderson, which now has saloons, a proposition to establish a dispensary won by a vote of 199 to 51. In Hendersonville, which is now dry, theoretically at least, three propositions were voted on—saloons, dispensaries and distilleries. Saloons were defeated by nine majority, dispensary by 94 and the distilleries by 16.

Durham Herald: Durham County is now spending upwards of \$25,000 per year in building macadam roads and about ten miles of good roads are completed annually. It is one of the greatest works in connection with the county government. The good roads are now stretching out in all directions from Durham towards the county lines and the people—many of whom at first opposed the move—are beginning to realize the great advantages offered by the new system and are now lending their entire support to the movement.

State Auditor Dixon says the State's financial outlook is very good for the next year. The State will pay its running expenses, the balance of debt, not provided for by the bond issue, and will have a pretty good balance this year, it seems. It takes a great burden from the shoulders of the Treasurer and Auditor when they realize that there will be money in the treasury and that public school-houses is \$70,000.—State Auditor Dixon says the knitting mill which will give employment to one hundred and fifty hands.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer: The Colored State Fair is pronounced the best the negroes have yet held. The industrial and agricultural features are particularly prominent and many articles of marked merit are shown.—Speaking about the election on the liquor question at Kinston yesterday, which resulted in a victory for the dispensary, a Raleigh lawyer of prominence said to-day that when Wilmington and Weldon voted whiskey out, then indeed he would believe that the saloons were on their last legs.—A bar-keeper here, when asked the flat question whether the saloon men really intended to fight the dispensary election held here recently, replied that he had made all sorts of inquiries and could not find that any suit was to be brought to test the election and the Watts law.—The game warden of this county is after

violators of the Audubon law and of the general game law. He has secured within the past three days three convictions of persons killing turkeys, and there is another case to be heard. There is plenty of game and the outlook for a good shooting season is very fine indeed.

Did Cashier Dewey Work Another Game?

"What has become of T. W. Dewey, the absconding bank official of New Bern?" a well known officer and detective was asked by a citizen yesterday. "Why do you suppose he has not given himself up after writing that he would do so?"

"Give himself up!" exclaimed the officer. "You thought that, did you? Well, that letter was the slickest thing yet, I think. He simply made a bluff that he intended to surrender so the reward offered for him was withdrawn and the police and detectives quit working to find him. Then he easily got clean away. That is what I think about it."

The citizen did not agree with the officer, but the latter was decided in his views.—Raleigh Post.

The R. F. D. Service.

Postmaster Bailey, of Raleigh, says there are now in operation in North Carolina 415 rural routes and that the monthly pay-roll is considerably over \$20,000. He says this State has its fair share of routes, thanks to very active and commendable work by all the Congressional delegates. Mecklenburg yet leads in the number of routes, Wake holding second place. The first route established in this State was at Oxford; the second at Raleigh. The rural free delivery service has grown in five years from an experiment into a great force for education and improvement and information. The five routes from Raleigh handle each month over 20,000 pieces of mail. The first appropriation for this service was secured by Senator Marion Butler, and it is said that he, more than any one else, deserves the credit.—Col. Olds.

A Little Political Gossip.

Mr. Rollins' prestige and voice in party matters as Republican State Chairman, can be diminished only in one way. And since this avenue for his undoing is practically closed, it would seem that he is safely anchored. The election of a Republican to Congress from the State would destroy Mr. Rollins' political influence in a way. A Republican representative would virtually become leader of the party in the State, for the reason that the federal patronage would be placed at his disposal. Thomas Settle aspires to Rollins' mantle as party leader via the Congressional route. So does E. Spencer Blackburn in the Eighth District. Rollins told the President that North Carolina Republicans would be represented in the next Congress. Such a result would come

near to putting him out of commission, politically speaking.

The Tenth District is the most interesting on the North Carolina political checker-board. This condition results from the expected unseating of Representative J. M. Gudger at the coming session of Congress. Settle's efforts for a nomination will mean a fight for State leadership. He will have to reckon with V. S. Lusk, J. J. Britt and others. But even more interesting are reports that have recently reached here from Asheville with reference to the nomination of a Democratic candidate in the event of the unseating of Mr. Gudger. There is said to be a growing sentiment in favor of tendering the nomination to Locke Craig.

It is not generally known, but some of Governor Aycock's political friends in the Third District have recently been urging him to become a candidate for Congress against Representative Thomas. He has refused to enter the contest, so several of his close friends say. They predict that he will be a candidate in 1906 if he does not make the race for the Senate against Senator Simmons.—Washington Cor. Post.

Portuguese Laborers for the New Bern Section.

A. B. Dawson, who went to New Bedford, Mass., last week to secure Portuguese laborers for persons here, returned with them yesterday on the steamer Ocracoke. There were 106 in the number, twelve or fifteen of them being women.

It will be remembered that these Portuguese are the same who were brought here last spring from the wreck of the barkentine Vera Cruz VII, near Ocracoke, and later taken to New Bedford, for which place they were bound when the wrecked occurred.

At the time, Mr. Dawson took a number of Portuguese to work on his farm. He found them such valuable help that he went North to get others to work on his farm a few weeks ago. He thinks that their services as laborers are splendid. They are industrious, honest and faithful. Although taking them to do this work was regarded as an experiment, he thinks that the money used to get them was wisely expended.

The Portuguese looked in far better condition than when they were here last spring. Of course there was reason for their seedy appearance then, but now they have every appearance of being thrifty and industrious, and doubtless the men taking them will find them excellent help.

Mr. Dawson says he could get a thousand of such men if there were a demand for them.—New Bern Journal.

First Small Boy—Johnny Smith's mother's awful good to him.

Second Small Boy.—What's she done?

First Small Boy.—Let him have the measles the day school opened.